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Docket No.: 47123-00073USPT (PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of: Sakharam D. Mahurkar

Application No.: 10/051140

Filed: January 22, 2002

Art Unit: 3763

For: IMPROVED RETRACTABLE NEEDLE

SINGLE USE SAFETY SYRINGE

Examiner: L. H. Thanh

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 20, 2005

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for election of species set forth in the Office Action mailed June 20, 2005, applicant elects the following species:

LATCH or SWITCH:

species a/ latch or switch fig. 6

Claims readable on this elected species are claims 1-7, 15-19, 21, 23-24, 26-27, 32-33, 36-46, 54-60, 63-82, and 122-132.

SPRING RETAINER:

a/ spring retainer figs. 20-22

Claims readable on this elected species are claims 1-87, 92-93, 96-97, 99-100, 102, 104-106, 108-110, and 123-132.

BARREL:

a/ barrel figs. 4-5

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Claims readable on this elected species are claims 1-49, 52-56, 58-69, 73-110, and 122-132.

PLUNGER:

a/ plunger fig. 15-19

Claims readable on this elected species are claims 1-33, 36-42, 45-74, 76-110, and 122-132.

NEEDLE HOLDER:

a/ needle holder figs. 11-14

Claims readable on this elected species are claims 1-74, 76-110, and 122-132.

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